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CHARLES OTTO FOX;
ATTORNEY [REDACTED]
CONGRESSMAN JOSEPH KENNEDY-VICTIM
SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY-VICTIM
EXTORTION (A)

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CHARLES OTTO FOX, date of birth November 28, 1907, FBI Number 373116, is a white male residing in Terre Haute, Indiana. He is suffering from Schizophrenia and is an outpatient of the HAMILTON MENTAL HEALTH CENTER, 620 Eighth Avenue, Terre Haute, Indiana, where he was involuntarily detained on May 10, 1988, by the TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA, POLICE DEPARTMENT. The detention stemmed from complaints of Terre Haute residents that FOX was verbally harassing individuals in a local supermarket.

When not in treatment at the HAMILTON CENTER, FOX spends the great majority of his time at the VIGO COUNTY LIBRARY, the downtown MC DONALDS RESTAURANT, or walking the streets of Terre Haute, Indiana. While at the VIGO COUNTY LIBRARY, FOX engages in reading any materials at hand, by primarily periodicals. It is from his reading that he is stimulated to write threatening letter. After reading something that disturbs him, FOX will write to the public figure he feels is responsible for the perceived injustice or moral wrong; most of his letters are of a threatening nature, and include anti-black and anti-Jewish sentiment. (X)

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All of FOX's letters in the recent past have been handwritten, the majority of which appear on white, unlined, legal size paper with a photostatic Ku Klux Klan letterhead at the top of the page. FOX always signs his letters, and includes a business reply of "Imperial Wizard of America," Attorney [redacted], 211 Masonic Temple Building, Decatur, Georgia. He frequently makes reference to "Secret Criminal Society" and includes a photostatic copy of page 509 of Volume 24 of the "Encyclopedia America" regarding secret societies.

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On June 3, 1988, [redacted] was interviewed by the FBI Atlanta. [redacted] advised he has known FOX for approximately 15 years through his [redacted] long time association with the Ku Klux Klan. At one time FOX had been denied membership in the Ku Klux Klan because [redacted] thought he was "crazy" and "mentally ill." [redacted] has received numerous letters, almost daily, from FOX in which FOX has criticized different individuals.

FOX first came to the attention of the UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE (USSS) in 1968. He was interviewed by USSS in 1986 and a subsequent threat analysis declared him non-threatening.

The FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION's Terre Haute, Indiana, Resident Agency is aware of six letters written by FOX since 1986 which contained threats of varying degrees against individuals ranging from local public figures to officials of the UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

On January 24, 1986, FOX mailed a letter to Indiana State Senator JULIA M. CARSON, Indianapolis, Indiana, which contained his reactions to her attempting to initiate legislation to declare the birthday of the Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., an Indiana State Holiday; the letter also contained threats against Senator EDWARD KENNEDY. Prosecution was declined by Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] Southern District of Indiana, on April 1, 1986.

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On July 16, 1987, FOX authored a letter which was eventually mailed to a local Terre Haute columnist which contained rambling inferences to [redacted] the Rotarian Group, France, Poland, Germany, Russia, Senator EDWARD KENNEDY, and satellite communication dishes. No specific death threats were contained in this letter.

On April 7, 1988, FOX mailed a letter to U.S. Representative JOSEPH KENNEDY which contained threats against Senator EDWARD M. KENNEDY if he were to visit England.

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On April 14, 1988, FOX mailed a postcard to ROBERT H. BORK, U.S. Courthouse, Washington, D.C., which claimed there was no reason BORK would live through 1988.

On April 15, 1988, FOX mailed a letter to Congressman DAN ROSTENKOWSKI, claiming there is no reason to believe ROSTENKOWSKI would live through 1988.

On April 22, 1988, FOX mailed a letter to Representative JOSEPH P. KENNEDY that claimed JOSEPH P. KENNEDY has no reason to believe he would live through 1988.

On July 1, 1988, Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] [redacted] Southern District of Indiana, advised she would decline prosecution of CHARLES OTTO FOX regarding the four letters he wrote in April of 1988 due to FOX's lack of intent and available means to carry out the threats.

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Previous record checks by the USSS have failed to identify any violent behavior by FOX in the past; records at TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA, POLICE DEPARTMENT do not reflect any instances wherein FOX was involved in violent acts.

The HAMILTON MENTAL HEALTH CENTER diagnosed FOX as a Schizophrenic who responds well to treatment, but suffers periods of increased anxiety during times of national crises such as the United States Military strike against Libya in April 1986.

FOX remained in emergency detention at the HAMILTON MENTAL HEALTH CENTER until August 4, 1988, at which time he was released under the Semi-Independent Living Program (SILP). At this time, FOX resides at 1616 1/2 South Fourth Street, Terre Haute, Indiana, and receives two hours of supervision per week from HAMILTON MENTAL HEALTH CENTER Counselor [redacted] telephone number [redacted]. FOX is reported to be responding well to treatment. His only means of support is social security, he does not own or drive a motor vehicle, and has no close associates.

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